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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 3661

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM: REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

REF: A. STATE 80689 B. CAIRO 3615

1. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED APR 10 THAT REQUEST BY SUBJECT TO IMMIGRATE INTO AUSTRALIA WAS DENIED (REFTEL B). IN EFFORT TO HANDLE ENSUING REFUGEE PROBLEM IN LOW KEY FASHION, EMBASSY CONTACTED UNHCR REP SAID HALIM TO DETERMINE WHETHER MISS MARTA NAVAROVA COULD BE PROCESSED VIA UNHCR REFUGEE CHANNELS. HALIM INDICATED HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO INTERVIEW HER TO DETERMINE WHETHER SHE WAS ELIGIBLE FOR REFUGEE STATUS, BUT NOTED THAT SINCE SHE POSSESSED NO DOCUMENTATION, HE WOULD THEN HAVE TO REFER HER CASE TO LOCAL SECURITY AUTHORITIES. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY QUERY, HALIM SAID THAT, ACCORDING TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, PRACTICE OF EGYPTIAN SECURITY AUTHORITIES WAS TO REMAND SUCH PERSONS WITHOUT DOCUMENTATION TO THE CUSTODY OF THE EMBASSY REPRESENTING THEIR COUNTRY OF NATIONALITY.

2. SINCE THIS WOULD DEFEAT HUMANITARIAN PURPOSE OF ASSISTANCE WHICH EMBASSY MIGHT RENDER TO SUBJECT, WE DECIDED TO MAKE LOW  
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KEY APPROACH TO DIRECTOR OF CONSULAR SERVICES, MFA, TO

ASCERTAIN WHETHER SUBJECT, IF GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS ELIGIBILITY BY UNHCR, COULD ENTER REFUGEE PROCESSING CHANNEL WITHOUT REFERRAL TO HER NATIONAL AUTHORITIES. CONSULAR SERVICES DIRECTOR REQUESTED EMBASSY TO DESCRIBE CIRCUMSTANCES IN DIPLOMATIC NOTE WHICH HE WOULD USE AS BASIS FOR CONSULTATION WITH APPROPRIATE SECURITY AUTHORITIES. SINCE THIS REQUEST RECEIVED EARLY AFTERNOON APRIL 10 SHORTLY BEFORE MFA CLOSING TIME, WE SAID WE WOULD PROVIDE NOTE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 12, FOLLOWING MOSLEM FRIDAY HOLIDAY.

3. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, HOWEVER, CHARGE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM AMBASSADOR SIRRI, CHEF DU CABINET OF FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO HAD BEEN INFORMED OF AFFAIR AND WHO ASKED THAT EMBASSY HANDLE THIS MATTER IN LOW KEY FASHION WHILE MFA LOOKED INTO WAYS AND MEANS FOR RESOLVING SITUATION WITHOUT CAUSING ANY DIFFICULTIES OR EMBARRASSMENT FOR ANYONE. HE ASKED THAT SUBJECT REMAIN IN ALEXANDRIA IN CUSTODY OF CONGEN. SIRRI NOTED THAT SECURITY AUTHORITIES IN ALEXANDRIA WERE AWARE OF HER PRESENCE BUT WOULD NOT TAKE ANY STEPS.

4. CONGEN ALEXANDRIA HAD PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED ACUTE CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE SECURITY SITUATION WHICH MIGHT DEVELOP AND HAD URGENTLY REQUESTED PERMISSION TO TRANSFER SUBJECT TO CAIRO. CZECHOSLOVAK CONSUL HAD TELEPHONED CONGEN SEEKING TO CONTACT SUBJECT AND WAS GIVEN EVASIVE REPLY. AT URGENT INSISTENCE OF CONGEN, EMBASSY HAD AGREED TO PUT UP SUBJECT IN EMBASSY COMPOUND WHILE ARRANGEMENTS WERE BEING MADE FOR UNHCR INTERVIEW. AFTER RECEIVING SIRRI REQUEST THAT SUBJECT REMAIN IN ALEXANDRIA, CONGEN WAS ASKED TO RETAIN HER UNTIL INSTRUCTED FURTHER.

5. WE WILL REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH MFA AND MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP LID ON THIS INCIDENT IN ORDER TO AVOID IT BECOMING EMBARRASSING SITUATION FOR EITHER GOE OR OURSELVES. AT THIS POINT, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT PLAN TO TAKE ANY ACTION UNTIL WE HEAR FURTHER FROM MFA. (WE SHALL QUERY SIRRI WHETHER NOTE IS NECESSARY) HOWEVER, WE SHOULD NOTE THT INCIDENT IS KNOWN IN ALEXANDRIA AND CONFIDENTIAL

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KNOWLEDGE OF IT MAY POSSIBLY SURFACE IN CAIRO AS WELL. OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO INSURE THAT SUBJECT'S CASE IS CONSIDERED ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS AND THAT SHE BE PLACED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE INTO HANDS OF COMPETENT REFUGEE AUTHORITIES. WE SHAL KEEP DEPT AND OTHER ADDRESSEES INFORMED AS DEVELOPMENTS OCCUR.  
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